



INTRIGUE! VENGEANCE! BLAZING CONFRONTATIONS
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*Read
the*

NEW GODS

AS
THEY
REALLY
ARE!



KIRBY &
THIBODEAUX

HELLO, AGAIN!

THIS IS JUST FOR "OPENERS," FRIENDS!!!--
AND YOU'VE GOT THE WORD OF

JACK KIRBY ON THAT!

YOU AND I HAVE JUST LIT THE FUSE THAT
WILL LEAD TO A *LONG-AWAITED,*
"RECORD-SMASHING" CLIMAX THAT WILL
ROCKET EVERY "NEW GOD" READER
INTO REALMS HE'S NEVER
DREAMED OF!!!

WE'LL DO IT
TOGETHER! YOU AND I
SHALL STAY WITH IT!--
AND WATCH A GIANT WABE
GROW -- LIKE THE TALENTS
AND TERRORS OF
OUR TIMES!

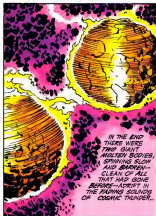
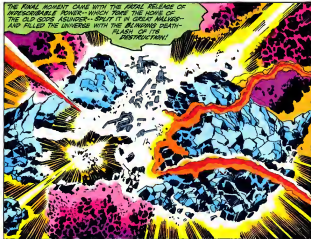


EPILOGUE

*THERE CAME A
TIME WHEN THE
OLD GUYS DIED!
THE BRAVE DIED WITH
THE CUNNING! THE
NOBLE PERISHED, LOOKED
IN BATTLE WITH UNLEASHED
EVIL! IT WAS THE LAST
DAY FOR THEM!
AN ANCIENT ERA WAS
PASSING IN A DUFFY
HOLocaust!*



THE FINAL MOMENT CAME WITH THE FATAL RELEASE OF
INCREDIBLE POWER--WHICH TORE THE HOME OF
THE OLD GODS ASUNDER--SPLIT IT IN GREAT HALVES--
AND FILLED THE UNIVERSE WITH THE BLINDING DEATH-
FLASH OF ITS
DESTRUCTIVE RAIN!



IN THE END
THERE WERE
TWO GIANT
GOLDEN BODIES,
SPINNING SLOW
AND BARREN--
CLEAN OF ALL
THAT HAD GONE
BEFORE--ADRIENT IN
THE RAPID SOUND OF
COSMIC THUNDER...

SILENCE CLOSED UPON WHAT HAD HAPPENED
--A LONG, DEEP SILENCE--WRAPPED IN
MASSIVE DARKNESS... IT WAS THIS WAY
FOR AN AGE...



THEN--THERE WAS NEW LIGHT!

ACROSS THE VAST DISTANCES--WHERE THE MYSTERIES DEEPEN, AND HIDE, AND WAIT WITH ANXIETY, NOT YET KNOWN--A CALL HAS BEEN HEARD--A MANE SUMMONED FOR THE
ULTIMATE MISSION-- TO THWART THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION! THIS HE COMES-- THE
PROTECTOR--WIELDER OF THE **ASTRO-FORCE--**

ORION OF THE **NEW GODS!**

AN EPIC
FOR OUR
TIME

I HAVE
HEARD THE
WORD--IT IS
BATTLE!

**ORION
FIGHTS
FOR
EARTH!**



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NO MORE GLORIOUS SIGHT HAS EVER GREETED ANY EYES THAN THAT OF NEW GENESIS, HOME OF THE NEW BORN--A GULFING ISLAND OF GLEAMING SPIRES THAT GREETS A SUNLIT, UNWINDLED WORLD OF GREEN FORESTS, WHITE MOUNTAINS, AND BRIGHT WATERS...



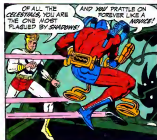
SEE THERE
ORION IS BACK!
IT IS BLUNDERED THAT
HE'S BEEN SUMMONED
BY *ARION*-*FORGET*
HIMSELF!

THERE IS
FORGETTABLE ABOARD
YOU CAN BE SURE
OF THAT! *ORION*
TREADS ONLY
WHERE *FORGET*
THREATENS!

THERE ARE *AND*
OBTAINOUS SIGNS
TO BE SEEN IN
ARION *FORGET*!

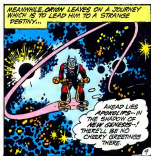
IT STILL
GLOWS WITH
ETERNAL
SPLENDOR!

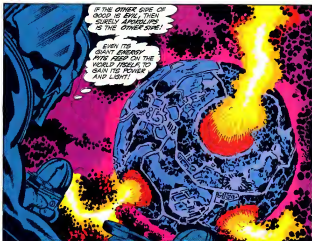
YOU MUST
FORGET THIS TIME,
ORION! *FORGET*
THE SOUND OF
BATTLE-LEARN
TO LAUGH
AGAIN!





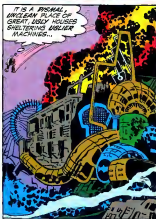






IF THE OTHER SIDE OF
GOOD IS EVIL, THEN
SURELY APOCALIPS
IS THE OTHER SIDE!

EVEN ITS
QUANT ENERGY
FITS TOGETHER ON THE
WORLD ITSELF, TO
GAIN ITS POWER
AND LIGHT!



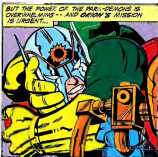
IT IS A FURIAL,
UNCLEAN PLACE OF
GREAT, UGLY HOUSES
SHELTERING DOLLER
MACHINES...



APOCALIPS IS AN
ARMED CAMP WHERE
THOSE WHO LIVE WITH
WEAPONS BUILD THE
WRETCHES WHO
BUILD THEM!

ALL THAT
NEW GENSERE
STANCES FOR
IS REVERSED
ON APOCALIPS!

LIFE IS THE
EVIL HERE!
AND DEATH,
THE GREAT
GOOD!





IT WAS
A SHORT
BURST--BUT
I AM FREE
OF THEM!



WAL BURGESS,
RULER OF
ARABOLDS!



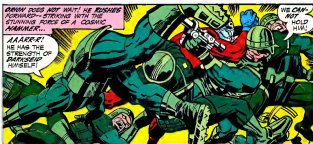
WELDER OF HOLOCAUST!
DISCIPLE OF POWER AND
DEATH!

YOU SHALL NEVER
SEIZ THE ANTI-LIFE
EQUILIBRIUM WHILE I AM
IN THE FIGHT
AGAINST YOU!



ARROGANT
ORIGIN!
WELCOME
TO--DEATH!

I WILL REST
MY EQUIPMENT
AT THE STATUE'S
FEET! THEY WON'T
GO NEAR IT--THE
STATUE IS
SACRED
TO THEM!



THE RESPONSE IS SWIFT AND FEARLY!!

THERE'S OUR
GUARDY!
SHOOT
TO
KILL!

EVEN ONE LIKE BRUNY
CANNOT SHAKE OFF A
BARBAR BLAST!



BARBARIAN'S
DOG
GAWLEY!

IT IS SWORNE TO
RUN FROM THEM!

MY ONE CHANCE
TO LIVE-- IS TO
ATTACK!



BRUNY DOES THE UNEXPECTED! HURLING HIMSELF
AT THE FEET OF THE DOGS, HE BRINGS THEM
CRASHING EARTHWARD!

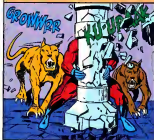


THESE HOUNDS OF
HADES ARE SWIFT
TO REGAIN THEIR
FEET!

I HAVE ONLY
SECONDS TO
STOP THEM!



MARSHALING HIS COLOSSAL STRENGTH, GRIM LOOSENS A NEARBY STONE PILLAR!



BARRELED HIMSELF SWELLS THIS WAY!

BUT THE GREAT HALLS ARE EMPTY--
DEVOID OF BARRESD'S
ELITE WARRIORS!



EMPTY! THEY ARE ALL
GONE! IS THIS WHAT
I CAME FOR?

HAS THE "SOURCE"
WRITTEN FOR ME
A FINE DESTINY?



APOLLOPS IS
ABANDONED BY ITS
RULERS! THIS IS A
MASS-DIRECTOR UNIT!
IT HAS BEEN ACTIVATED
TO TRANSMIT
BARRESD'S ORDERS!

THIS IS WHAT
NOW REELS ALL
APOLLOPS.

WRONG,
GRIM! THE
DIRECTOR KEEPS
ORDER HERE--
BUT IT IS I WHO
GUIDE
APOLLOPS!





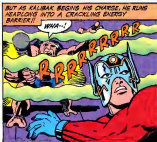
WHO IS MORE FIT TO
RULE IN DARKSHIP'S
ABSENCE?

WHOSE POWER,
BUT NONE, IS MORE
THAN A MATCH
FOR NONE?

THIS IS AS
FAR AS YOU GO,
GRIM! YOU SHALL
BE THE PRIME
SPECIMEN OF
MY TORMENT
CHAMBERS!

KALIBAK, THE CHILL! THE
SCOURGE OF APOCALIPS!

I AM READY
FOR
BATTLE!



BUT AS KALIBAK BEGINS HIS CHARGE, HE RUNS
HEADLONG INTO A CRACKLING ENERGY
BARRIER!

RRRR--!

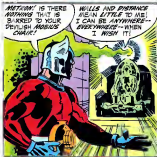
RRRRRRRRRR



THIS BARRIER--OF
UNKNOWN FORCE--I-I
CANNOT PENETRATE
IT!

IN TRUTH HE
HAG, KALIBAK!

TRAITERIOUS
GRIM! YOU HAVE
A HIDDEN ALLY!



HEYDUM! IS THERE
ANYTHING THAT IS
BARRIED TO YOUR
DEVILISH MACHINES
CHARGE!

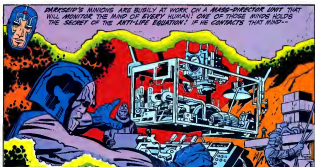
WALLS AND DISTANCES
MEAN LITTLE TO ME!
I CAN BE ANYWHERE--
EVERYWHERE--WHEN
I WISH IT!



RIGHT NOW I
WISH TO BE AT
YOUR SIDE--TO
HELP YOU IN YOUR
FRESHEN
COURSE!

I NEED NO HELP
FROM SUCH AS
YOURSELF, HEYDUM!





DARKEID'S MINDS ARE BUSILY AT WORK ON A MASS-DIRECTOR UNIT THAT WILL MONITOR THE MIND OF EVERY HUMAN! ONE OF THOSE MINDS HOLDS THE SECRET OF THE ANTI-LIFE EQUATION! IF HE CONTACTS THAT MIND--



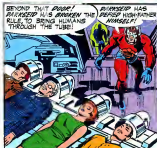
WHEN HE DOES, HE WILL NOT SURVIVE TO USE THAT KNOWLEDGE. I SHALL STOP HIM!

DARKEID IS ALREADY MANY STEPS AHEAD OF YOU!



HE WAS PROBING THE MINDS OF TEST HUMANS, BEFORE HE LEFT!

HUMANS FROM EARTH--HERE?



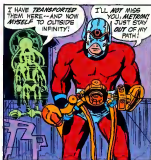
BEYOND THAT POINT! DARKEID HAS BROKEN THE RULE TO BRING HUMANS THROUGH THE TUBE!

DARKEID HAS DEFIED HIMSELF!



THERE IS NO FORCE TO STOP DARKEID'S THIRST FOR ABSOLUTE POWER OVER ALL LIVING THINGS!

SO THIS IS WHY MY PRETTY BRINGS ME TO APOCALIPSE!



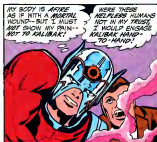


HOW HIGH IS YOUR
THRESHOLD OF PAIN, GRON?
THIS NERVE BEAM FROM
MY BETA-CLUB WILL
TEST YOU!



TURNUED ON TO FULL POWER, THE NERVE BEAM
CAN CAUSE AN ARMY TO WRETHE IN AGONY!!
BUT QUICK USE OF THE ASTRO-POWER
BROTHERS ITS TOTAL EFFECT!

I'VE CAUGHT
SOME OF ITS
IMPACT!



MY BODY IS AFIRE
AS IF WITH A ARMED
WOUND--BUT I MUST
NOT SHOW MY PAIN--
NOT TO KALIBAK!

WERE THERE
HELPLESS HUMANS
NOT IN MY TRUSS
I WOULD ENGAGE
KALIBAK HAND-
TO-HAND!



BUT EARTH WAITS
FOR US!

THIS SHORT BURST
OF ASTRO-POWER
SHOULD STOP KALIBAK
AND GIVE US
PRECIOUS
TIME!



THE ASTRO-FLASH IS BRIGHT AND POWERFUL!
KALIBAK SHOUTS IN PAIN AS HE IS
STRUCK DOWN BY ITS FORCE!



OH! THIS IS
HORRIBLE! A
NIGHTMARE!

A LIVING
NIGHTMARE!
THIS IS
REAL!

WE'RE
NOT ON
EARTH! WHO-
EVER YOU ARE--
CAN YOU HELP
US GET BACK
TO EARTH?



AT THAT MOMENT, ON EARTH, THERE IS A MIRACULOUS HOMECOMING...

IT'S AMAZING! THIS END OF THE TUBE HAS APPEARED ON EARTH!

THAT FELLOW ORION REALLY HELPED US!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! BUT--WE'RE BACK!

WE'RE SAFE!

WITH A RUSH OF DISPLACED AIR, ORION FOLLOWS HIS CHARGES INTO THE COOL NIGHT OF EARTH!

SO! THE SECOND STEP OF MY DESTINY IS FULFILLED!



PROLOGUE

AS IT WAS IN THE TIME OF THE OLD GODS--THE
TITANIC STRUGGLE FOR THE FATE OF MANKIND IS
TO RAGE ONCE AGAIN!! THE NEW GODS YIELD
GREATER POWER--FOR IN OUR DAY, IT'S WE WHO
LIVE IN THE DARK SHADOW OF
THE OUTCOME!

I HEAR YOU,
GODD! THE
BATTLE BEGINS!



NEXT
EPISODE:
ORION

FACES THE KING OF EVIL--

O'DEADLY DARKSEID!

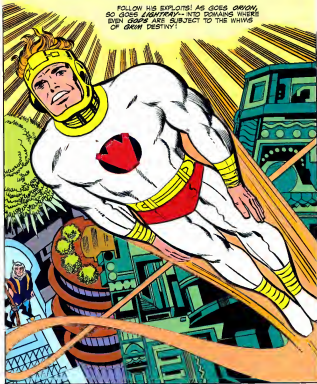
THIS
IS

LIGHTRAY!

LIGHTHEARTED AND BRIMMING WITH PERSONABLE QUALITIES, HE IS THE FRIENDLIEST OF THE **NEW GODS!**

BUT WHEN BATTLE COMES, HE IS A **FEARFUL** FOE! IN THE CLASH BETWEEN **NEW GENESIS** AND DREAD **APOLLOIDS**, LIGHTRAY TURNS THE **POWER OF LIGHT** INTO A WEAPON OF **ASTOUNDING** MAGNITUDE!

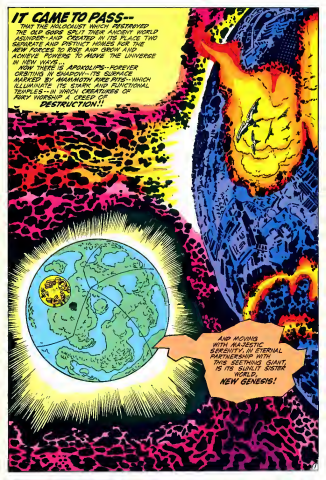
FOLLOW HIS EXPLOITS! AS DOES ORION,
SO DOES LIGHTRAY-- INTO DOMAINS WHERE
EVEN GODS ARE SUBJECT TO THE WHIMS
OF ORION DESTINY!



IT CAME TO PASS--

THAT THE HOLOGRAST WHICH DESTROYED
THE OLD GORE SPLIT THEIR ANCIENT WORLD
ASUNDER--AND CREATED IN ITS PLACE TWO
SEPARATE AND DISTINCT HOMES FOR THE
NEW FORCES TO RISE AND GROW AND
ACHIEVE POWERS TO ADOVE THE UNIVERSE
IN NEW WAYS...

NOW THERE IS APOKOLIPS--FOREVER
ORBITING IN SHADOW--ITS SURFACE
MARKED BY AKAASHOTH FIRE PITS--WHICH
ILLUMINATE ITS STARK AND FUNCTIONAL
TEMPLES--IN WHICH CREATURES OF
FURY WORSHIP A CREED OF
DESTRUCTION!!



AND MOVING
WITH MAJESTIC
SERENITY, IN ETERNAL
PARTNERSHIP WITH
THIS SEETHING GIANT,
IS ITS SUNLIT BROTHER
WORLD,
NEW GENESIS!



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NEW GENESIS IS A
WORLD CAUGHT UP IN THE
JOYFUL STRAINS OF LIFE!
THERE ARE NO STRUCTURES
ON ITS GREEN SURFACE—
EXCEPT THOSE WHICH
SERVE THE CAUSE OF WELL-
BEING... DESTINY'S ROAD IS
CHARTED IN THE CITY.
MASSIVE, YET GRACEFUL,
GLEAMING ON ITS GREAT
PLATFORM—A SPACEBORNE
SATELLITE DREAM IN ENDLESS
SILENCE BY ITS MIDDEN
MECHANISMS.

AS THE SEEDS OF THE OLD GODS STILL LIVE--SO DO THE SEEDS OF THAT ANCIENT HOLocaust--AND NOW THEY HAVE FLOWERED--AND BORN A SWEETER FRUIT!

BEHOLD! ARMY-FATHER IS LINKED WITH THE "SOURCE"

SEE! THE HAND APPEARS AND REVEALS THE MOTHER!



ARMY IT WRITES IN LETTERS OF FLAME! ARMY! ARMY! THE DECISIVE CONFLICT BETWEEN ARMY GODS AND APOCALYPSE!

TRUE, LIGHTNING! OUR CHAMPION, ARMY, IS ALREADY IN THE BATTLE!

NOW OTHERS MUST FOLLOW!

WAR-FOLLOW ORION



I AM ONE AMONG THOSE ASSEMBLED, ARMY-FATHER! I AM EAGER TO JOIN ARMY!

YOU ARE THE YOUNGEST OF THOSE ASSEMBLED, LIGHTNING! YOUR TIME TO GRASP WITH ARMY IS ASSET YET HERE!



CONFLICT IS A
NECESSARY STATE!
THOSE WHO FOLLOW
ME WILL LEARN
FROM HIM TO ENJOY
ITS TERRORS AND
LONELINESS!

HE, ALONE, HAS
BEEN FIGHTING HIS
MONSTERS FROM
BIRTH!

BUT THIS IS THE
ULTIMATE BATTLE, HIGH-FATHER!
DARKSEID, RULER OF
APOLLOPO, HAS LOOSED HIS
MILIONS ON EARTH--
AMONG MEN!

ORION IS THERE!
HE IS MY FRIEND!
LET ME JOIN HIM!

NO, LIGHTRAY!
THE TIME IS
NOT YET! IT
IS MY
COMMAND!



ON EARTH, THE HOME OF MORTAL MAN, ORIGIN THE HUNTER MOVES AMONG STRANGE ALLIES AND FEARFUL ENEMIES! MAN IS ONLY DIMLY AWARE OF THE FORCES MANEUVERING, LONGING FOR ALIGNMENT ON HIS WORLD--FOR SOMEWHERE IN MAN HIMSELF IS THE KEY TO VICTORY FOR THE WARRING FACTIONS OF...

The **NEW GODS!**

HELP,
FRIENDS! DO
NOT ENTER
THIS ROOM! IT
IS ACCURSED!

WELCOME TO EARTH,
ORION! IT IS A PLEASURE
TO ME THAT YOU
REACHED APOCALIPS
BEFORE ARRIVING
HERE!

NOW READ...

**O'
DEADLY
DARKSEID**

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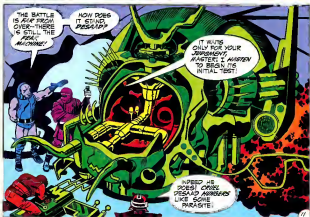
Jack Kirby

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"AND THE AWESOME BIGGER MANTIS,
WHOSE MAMMOTH POWER RIVALS
THAT OF DARKSEID HIMSELF! EVEN
NOW, HE TUNNELS SOMEWHERE
BENEATH US--PLANNING
UNTOLD HAVOC!"

I SHALL TAKE
MY SHARE OF BOOTY
HERE! LET MANKIND
SEE THE VICTORY!



* FOR MANTIS' FIRST ATTEMPT AT CONQUEST,
SEE THE FOREVER PEOPLE #2.



THESE MONSTERS PROWL AND SEEK IN BARBERSHOP'S CAUSE, NOT ONLY IN THE KNOWN DOMAINS, BUT ALSO IN SPORADIC PLACES—LIKE THE WILD AREA—WHERE A BIZARRE DISPUTANT SOCIETY MAY HOLD THE SECRET WHICH BARBERSHOP WANTS TO POSSESS.

*SEE JIMMY OLSEN #133, 134 AND 137.

LIKE AN AEROBIC ANGEL, ORION
SYNCHES TOWARD HIS ANGERING!

THE CITY IS LOUD
WITH THE SOUNDS OF
ANATHEMA! I MUST
BE SWIFT!

HELP! SAVE ME! LOOK
OUT!

THE DRIVERS OF
VEHICLES ARE MAD
WITH FEAR! I MUST
HALT THE SPREAD
OF CASUALTIES!

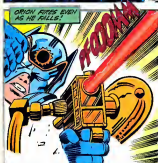
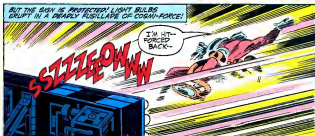
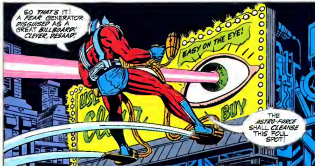
BAM

SCREEEEEEEE

QUICKLY, MOTHER
BOY! EYES ARE AT
STAKE!— LOOK
ONTO THAT BEAM!

PING PING PING PING PING
PING PING PING PING

SHE'S
REACHED IT!
NOW TO ALLOW
THE BEAM TO
ITS SOURCE!

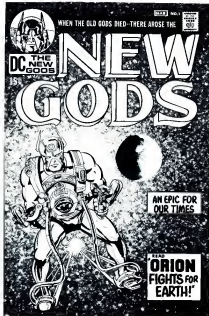








NEXT ISSUE--
THE BLACK RACER
is coming--
WHO IS HE AFTER--
YOU OR--?

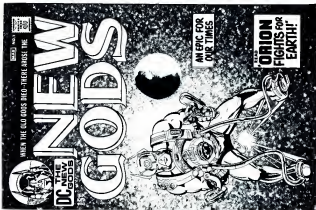


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